


INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/US00/06960	International filing date (day/month/year) 16/03/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 17/03/1999	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C08G18/44			
Applicant E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY et al.			
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>			
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 			
Date of submission of the demand 29/09/2000		Date of completion of this report 21.05.2001	
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International application No. PCT/US00/06960

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-14 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-38 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-38
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-38
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-38
	No:	Claims

**2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet**

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Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-4,403,086

D2: WO-9634905

D3: Patent Abstract of Japan vol.018, n°656 & JP-A-06 256714

D4: EP-A-0708159 (cited by the Examiner and copy enclosed)

1. Novelty:

D1 discloses a low VOC clear coating composition comprising crosslinkable epoxy-diol adducts, a chain extendable diblocked diisocyanate and further an aminoplast crosslinking agent. Furthermore the composition includes a catalyst and a suitable organic solvent (see col.2 line 44 to col.7 line 33). In particular, examples IX and X describe a coating composition comprising an aliphatic diblocked diisocyanate component, an epoxy-diol adduct and hexamethoxymethylmelamine and in addition an acid catalyst.

D2 discloses a curable composition that can be a clear coat (page3 lines 14-15). The curable composition comprises a polyepoxide and a polyacid, an alkylated melamine-formaldehyde and a polyisocyanate (see claim 1, p.3 line 18 to p.7 line 6; p.9 line 23 to p.10 line 4; p.11 line 30 to p.16 line 3; p.23 line 18 to p.24 line 7).

D3 discloses a coating composition comprising a blocked polyisocyanate compound, a melamine resin, and an epoxy resin.

D4 discloses a clear coat composition comprising a film forming polymer having epoxy functionality, a melamine cross-linking agent and at least one blocked diisocyanate (page 2 lines 38-48, page 3 and Ex.1).

Therefore the subject-matter of **claims 1-38 does not meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.**

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2. Inventive step:

In the light of the above objection as to lack of novelty it is not at present apparent which technical features distinguish the subject-matter of these claims from the prior art and which technical problem is solved in an unexpected manner by these distinguishing features over the prior art.

Thus the subject-matter of claims 1-38 does not meet the requirements of Art.33(3) PCT.

3. Industrial Application:

The subject-matter of the present application is considered to meet the requirements of Art.33(4) PCT.

Patent Cooperation Treaty

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

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International Application No

PC 00/06960

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 C08G18/44 C09D175/04 C09D163/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C08G C09D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

PAJ, WPI Data, EPO-Internal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 403 086 A (HOLUBKA ET AL) 6 September 1983 (1983-09-06) column 2, line 44 -column 7, line 33; claims 1-9; examples 9,10 ---	1-5, 9, 22, 24
X	WO 96 34905 A (PPG INDUSTRIES) 7 November 1996 (1996-11-07) page 3, line 18 -page 7, line 6 page 9, line 23 -page 10, line 4 page 11, line 30 -page 16, line 3 page 23, line 18 -page 24, line 7; claims 1-4, 15, 20, 24; examples --- -/--	1

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

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"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 1996, no. 01, 31 January 1996 (1996-01-31) & JP 07 233348 A (SHOWA ALUM CORP), 5 September 1995 (1995-09-05) abstract ---	1
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 018, no. 656 (C-1286), 13 December 1994 (1994-12-13) & JP 06 256714 A (KANSAI PAINT CO LTD), 13 September 1994 (1994-09-13) abstract ---	1
A	EP 0 179 281 A (E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS) 30 April 1986 (1986-04-30) page 2, line 9 - line 34; claims 1-6; example 2 ---	1
A	EP 0 562 577 A (NIPPON PAINT) 29 September 1993 (1993-09-29) page 2, line 31 -page 4, line 18; claims 1,15 -----	1-3,5,9, 10

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Information on patent family members

International Application No

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 4403086	A	06-09-1983	NONE	
WO 9634905	A	07-11-1996	AU 5633296 A	21-11-1996
			CA 2207928 A	07-11-1996
			EP 0823922 A	18-02-1998
			JP 3017539 B	13-03-2000
			JP 11500174 T	06-01-1999
			US 5891981 A	06-04-1999
JP 07233348	A	05-09-1995	JP 2691864 B	17-12-1997
JP 06256714	A	13-09-1994	NONE	
EP 179281	A	30-04-1986	US 4623481 A	18-11-1986
			BR 8504545 A	15-07-1986
			CA 1253682 A	09-05-1989
			DE 3567476 D	16-02-1989
			ES 546797 D	16-07-1986
			ES 8609383 A	16-12-1986
			JP 61078879 A	22-04-1986
EP 562577	A	29-09-1993	JP 5271615 A	19-10-1993
			JP 2781104 B	30-07-1998
			JP 6073173 A	15-03-1994
			AU 3537393 A	30-09-1993
			CA 2092225 A	25-09-1993
			DE 69311182 D	10-07-1997
			DE 69311182 T	16-10-1997
			US 5527879 A	18-06-1996

EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

Patent Abstracts of Japan

PUBLICATION NUMBER : 07233348
PUBLICATION DATE : 05-09-95

APPLICATION DATE : 24-02-94
APPLICATION NUMBER : 06051212

APPLICANT : SHOWA ALUM CORP;

INVENTOR : TAKADA SUSUMU;

INT.CL. : C09D163/00 B05D 3/02 B05D 7/14 B32B 15/08 C08G 18/58 C08L 63/00

TITLE : EPOXY RESIN COMPOSITION

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To provide the subject composition comprising a specific epoxy resin and an amino resin and useful coatings for aluminum foil deep-drawn containers used for foods, beverages, etc., especially for the coatings not causing the release of coating films on shock lines even on two-stage deep-draw processings high in drawing ratios.

CONSTITUTION: This composition comprises (A) a phenolic glycidyl ether type epoxy resin (e.g. bisphenol A type epoxy resin preferably having a molecular weight of 4000-50000) addition-polymerized with a blocked isocyanate, (B) 40-5 pts.wt. of an amino resin (e.g. an urea-formaldehyde prepolymer or a melamine- formaldeyde prepolymer) preliminarily condensed with a bisphenol diglycidyl ether, and preferably 0.01-5wt.% of a wax comprising a silicone resin, a polyethylene wax, a polypropylene wax, a fluoro wax or a higher fatty acid (derivative).

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Patent Abstracts of Japan

PUBLICATION NUMBER : 06256714
PUBLICATION DATE : 13-09-94

APPLICATION DATE : 04-03-93
APPLICATION NUMBER : 05043462

APPLICANT : KANSAI PAINT CO LTD;

INVENTOR : ITO SATORU;

INT.CL. : C09D175/04 C09D175/04 C09D 5/00 C09D163/00

TITLE : COATING COMPOSITION

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To obtain a coating composition useful for a coating film product, having excellent chipping resistance, comprising a urethane modified polyester resin, a block polyisocyanate compound, a melamine resin, an epoxy resin and specific pigment.

CONSTITUTION: This coating composition comprises (A) 50-70wt.% of a urethane modified polyester resin, (B) 5-20wt.% of a block polyisocyanate, (C) 10-30wt.% of a melamine resin (preferably mixture of imino group-containing melamine resin and etherified melamine resin), (D) 1-10wt.% of an epoxy resin (preferably glycidyl ether of polyphenol) and (E) 200-300wt.% of pigment (preferably titanium white or diatomaceous earth) in the ratio of 43-75wt.%, preferably 45-60wt.% in the cured coating film. The preferable constitution ratio is 55-65wt.% of the component A, 8-15wt.% of the component B, 12-28wt.% of the component C, 3-6wt.% of the component D and 220-260wt.% of the component E. The components B and C act as a curing agent (cross-linking agent).

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16/03/2000

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1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Fascimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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TRB NOTED

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

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The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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International application No. PCT/US00/06960	International filing date (day/month/year) 16/03/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 17/03/1999
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E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY et al.

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/US00/06960

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-14 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-38 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-38
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-38
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-38
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-4,403,086

D2: WO-9634905

D3: Patent Abstract of Japan vol.018, n°656 & JP-A-06 256714

D4: EP-A-0708159 (cited by the Examiner and copy enclosed)

1. Novelty:

D1 discloses a low VOC clear coating composition comprising crosslinkable epoxy-diol adducts, a chain extendable diblocked diisocyanate and further an aminoplast crosslinking agent. Furthermore the composition includes a catalyst and a suitable organic solvent (see col.2 line 44 to col.7 line 33). In particular, examples IX and X describe a coating composition comprising an aliphatic diblocked diisocyanate component, an epoxy-diol adduct and hexamethoxymethylmelamine and in addition an acid catalyst.

D2 discloses a curable composition that can be a clear coat (page3 lines 14-15). The curable composition comprises a polyepoxide and a polyacid, an alkylated melamine-formaldehyde and a polyisocyanate (see claim 1, p.3 line 18 to p.7 line 6; p.9 line 23 to p.10 line 4; p.11 line 30 to p.16 line 3; p.23 line 18 to p.24 line 7).

D3 discloses a coating composition comprising a blocked polyisocyanate compound, a melamine resin, and an epoxy resin.

D4 discloses a clear coat composition comprising a film forming polymer having epoxy functionality, a melamine cross-linking agent and at least one blocked diisocyanate (page 2 lines 38-48, page 3 and Ex.1).

Therefore the subject-matter of **claims 1-38 does not meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT.**

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International application No. PCT/US00/06960

2. Inventive step:

In the light of the above objection as to lack of novelty it is not at present apparent which technical features distinguish the subject-matter of these claims from the prior art and which technical problem is solved in an unexpected manner by these distinguishing features over the prior art.

Thus the subject-matter of claims 1-38 does not meet the requirements of Art.33(3) PCT.

3. Industrial Application:

The subject-matter of the present application is considered to meet the requirements of Art.33(4) PCT.

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